

By Lucian B. Watkins.

In Shinar plain we saw all people
one,
Yea, one in tongue of language, one
in faith
Of single purpose dwelt they in one
place
And strove with common interest to
the end
That Babel might tower shouldst
arise
Far-reaching to the heaven 'bove the
earth.
And it was there we saw the human
world
Made different, and with different
tongues
A different people, scattered to the
winds
And climes of different countries of
the globe.
Each country gave its welcome to
its charge
Of human life, set to its portioned
lot.
Dark Africa received her own, and
here
She gave them nests of comfort in
her vales.
Where, listening to the Nile's
lullabies,
They dreamed a simple life of joy
and song.
They did not dream of Babel tower
here
To raise them into heav'n without
prayer.
But lived domestic children of a
peace.
Rocked in the cradle of a sweet
content.

(To Be Continued.)

Mr. Ball's Opinion—Does Not Like the Word, Negro.

Editor of the PLANET:
For some months I have been
watching line after line written upon
the pages of your paper, also your
very able editorials, but in all I have
read and have been able to under-
stand I have not as yet heard of the
"Wise men from the East" that are
coming to bring peace to the millions
of colored people.
The staying away of these wise
men makes every hour, day and year,
an earth of gloom these sad hours
days and years. Until we, the colored
people who are left alone to the
mercy of the world.

NO ONE TO SAVE.

Among the millions of colored people,
who is he or she that has come
to the front to save the race? Look
everywhere to day, you can not hear
of a single voice that means an ap-
peal to all the nations for the pro-
tection of the colored people. And
these of the race that owe it to God,
themselves and their fellowmen to
speak the true conditions. Our good
has gone behind that death-dealing
monster the name of Negro. Playing
for thousands of years in the camps
of the slave holders. Even today it
is hard for a colored lady to get the
same respect as is shown to other
ladies from every land. And who is
to blame for it?

THE ONES TO BLAME.

Why the answer is, that those who
can save us from all kinds of insults
are those who love the name of Ne-
gro. They and they only are responsi-
ble for the insults to which a colored
lady must be subjected every hour
of her life. The colored men the world
over should be ashamed. But these
colored men tell you that God has
suffered it to be so, and time will
change these things. God has nothing
to do with these insults. The females
of every race should find the highest
respect from all men. And it is time
that every colored man having a
voice in the press or pulpit to remem-
ber who is his mother, wife, or sister.
The name Negro is an insult to the
dead, say nothing of the living, and
if education is good for anything, it
should be death to the name of Ne-
gro. I have never heard a meaner in-
sult in all my life.

R. H. BALL.

Lawrence, Mass.

"How Much Should a Man Weigh?"

Prof. H. T. Keating, A. M., of
Nashville, Tenn., and editor of The
A. M. E. Review, will undertake to
answer the above question, in a lec-
ture to be given at Third Street A. M.
E. Church, Monday evening, April
18, 1910. The lecturer is said to be
one of the most brilliant forceful,
eloquent and instructive public speak-
ers on the American platform. It
will be Richmond's first opportunity
to hear him. The subject is a most
attractive one and a crowded house
is expected to greet him.

This is to be the last event by the
church for this conference year, as
the pastor, Rev. E. H. Hunter starts
the next day for Wytheville, Va.,
where the conference is to convene.
The Junior Choir will sing on this
occasion, directed by Madam Fannie
Payne Clark and Madam Bernard
Gipin will be the soloist. The lecture
is given under the patronage of the
Dunbar Literary Society, for the ben-
efit of the Steward's Department.

The Tuesday Club Will Perform in the City Auditorium May 3-4.

The Tuesday Club, a musical
organization instituted for the
purpose of serving in the same
capacity the long felt want and need
among the colored music loving
people of our city as that of the
Wednesday Club, among the white
people of the city; in that it affords
an opportunity for the race to hear
in oratorio and cantata work, the
best and highest production of the
masters. Music goes a long way to-
ward finishing up ones education, and
no race can hope to ever reach the
highest point of art and civilization
that neglects music, or fails to recog-
nize it as one of the important studies
necessary to complete the education
of its subjects.

The Tuesday Club is doing good
among the colored people, as the
Wednesday Club, a similar organiza-
tion, is doing among the white peo-
ple. These music festivals are usually
largely attended by the best element
of the city, both white and colored.
The management has always striven
hard to give their patrons the worth
of their money, and all of the festi-
vals given by this note worthy orga-
nization have been in every way sat-
isfactory, and it is certainly a step
in the right direction by the manage-
ment in that the city Auditorium has
been secured by unanimous vote of
the city council, being assured that
good order and conduct would pre-
vail. Every music loving citizen
should not neglect such an opportu-
nity to hear their own race produce
sweet tones of melody and beautiful
harmony in oratory and cantata.

Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stock-
holders of Evergreen Cemetery Asso-
ciation, was held at Johnson's Hall
at 8 o'clock, April 12, 1910.

The officers were elected as follows:
E. T. Coleman, Pres.; C. C. Smith,
Vice-President; D. J. Farrar, Sec't;
J. H. Jones, Asst. Sec't; Lewis Brax-
ton, Treas.; Fred N. Brown, Supt.
Board of Directors—E. T. Cole-
man, Lewis Braxton, C. C. Smith,
John H. Jones, W. I. Johnson, John
H. Beard, A. D. Price, Fred N. Brown,
Walter Brown, D. J. Farrar.

Executive Committee—W. I. John-
son, Chairman, E. T. Coleman, Fred
N. Brown, C. C. Smith, D. J. Farrar.
Finance Committee—A. D. Price,
Chairman, Lewis Braxton, D. J. Far-
rar.

Portchester Notes.

St. Francis A. M. E. Zion Church
was well attended last Sunday. The
Sunday School had a large attendance
also.

Rev. Crews, our pastor, and Rev.
Rude, of New York City, called the
scholars attention to some very im-
portant points on the lesson.

The Wilmore Club met last Mon-
day night with a membership of forty-
three. All officers were present. The
club will be organized April 30, 1910,
through the dispensation of the Grand
Lodge of New York state.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. W. C. Hemmings, of Dillwyn,
Va., was in the city this week.

Miss Delaine Maxwell, formerly
Mrs. Wingfield, was married to Mr.
James B. Ferguson, at the parsonage
of Presbyterian Church, April 5, 1910.

Mrs. V. A. Smith, wife of Major John
G. Smith, is dangerously ill. She was
reported as being something better
at the time of our latest enquiry.

Messrs. W. L. Young, W. R. Young,
B. S. Johnson and D. H. Rich, of
Caroline County, Va., were in the
city on business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hawkins, of
New York, have just returned from
Florida and are now the guests of
Mrs. Agnes Taylor, 732 North Fifth
Street, and will be pleased to meet
their friends.

Mrs. Helen G. Wilson (nee Carter),
formerly of this city, but now resid-
ing in New York, is in the city. Mrs.
Wilson was called here about two
weeks ago on account of the death
of her brother. She will be glad to see
her many friends at the residence of
Mrs. S. S. Baker, 909 North Seventh
Street.

Child Wanted.

I DESIRE A CHILD OR A BABY
to keep as my own. Please address
MRS. G. BROWN, Windsor P. O.,
Isle of Wight County, Va.

Colored Lawyer Refuses to Plead Before Prejudiced Court.

Something of a sensation was pro-
duced during the closing sessions of
the army court of inquiry which is
investigating the Brownsville raid of
August, 1906, by statements made by
U. B. Marshall of the Washington
bar, who was associated with Brig.
Gen. A. R. Daggett, U. S. Army, re-
tired, as counsel for the negro sol-
diers seeking restoration to the
army.

BASIS FOR DECLINATION.

In declining to argue the case Mr.
Marshall gave two specific reasons as
follows:
"First. Because the procedure
adopted by the recorder (Capt. How-
land), and acquiesced in by this
court, leaves it undetermined in my
mind whether this court is a court
of inquiry or a court martial; or, in
other words, whether the recorder is
an impartial investigating officer or a
prosecuting officer.

Second. Because the instructions
of the Secretary of War to this court
conflict so fundamentally and totally
with my legal training as to make it
impossible for me to build an argu-
ment which would attempt to prove
a negative."

"For these reasons," said Mr.
Marshall, "I can neither argue nor
can I appeal to your merciful consid-
eration. For, in all honor, this
honorable court is bound by the limi-
tations imposed by the authority
from which its instructions proceed."

WHAT RECORD OF COURT SHOWS

"The record of this court will
show that I offered to produce tes-
timony of an affirmative and positive
character, giving the names of the
participants (persons not in the mil-
itary service or of the government) in
and details of an alleged conspiracy
to commit this crime.

"The record of this court will also
show that no effort has been spared
to produce before this court evidence
no matter how flimsy or circumstan-
tial, which might in the slightest de-
gree tend to demonstrate the guilt of
the men who formerly defended the
flag and the honor of this, our com-
mon country."

The particular instructions given
by Secretary Dickinson to the court
at the outset of the investigation,
to which Mr. Marshall took especial
exception, are as follows:

"Such conclusions as may be
reached by the court in respect to
the eligibility for re-enlistment of
the former enlisted men of the 25th
Infantry, at Brownsville, who were
separated from the military service
in the operation of discharges with-
out honor, should be affirmative and
positive in character and based upon
such preponderance of testimony as
will support its specific finding."

NO INFANTRYMAN VINDICATED.

The court listened to the lawyer's
remarks without comment, and ar-
ranged to sit again next Monday to
hear the closing address of Capt.
Howland, which will include a sum-
mary of the evidence submitted to the
court together with his conclusions
thereon.

It is understood that he will claim
that the evidence showed conclusi-
vely that the "shooting up" of
Brownsville was done by the soldiers
of the 25th Infantry, and that not
a single one of the number examined
had proved affirmatively that he had
not participated in the raid or that
he had not some knowledge of it.

The Mechanics' Savings Bank.

There has been much interest
shown at the new Mechanics' Savings
Bank building, at the corner of Third
and Clay Streets, this week. Work on
the hauling of the new vault to the
building was begun last Monday and
Mr. N. Anderson, the vault con-
structor of the York Safe and
Lock Company, of York, Pa., is here
doing the work. The vault door and
vestibule weigh nearly twelve tons
and it took one whole flat car to
bring that here.

The other material occupied a
freight car loaded to its full capacity.
The combined weight was over twenty
tons, or forty thousand pounds.
The door is in position and it will
take about three weeks to install
this latest device for the safety of
money. The round door is now in po-
sition and the door alone weighs
about nine tons. It has attracted the
attention of both white and colored
people, and curious crowds are al-
ways standing around looking.

The inside of the banking room is
now being frescoed. The steel ceiling
is greatly admired.

CORONER'S JURY IS NOW INVESTIGATING CRIME

Death of Colored Girl Is Topic of Hour in Hampton.

Hampton, Va., April 11.—The
coroner's jury has just rendered the
following verdict: The said Rebecca
Chandler came to her death by reas-
on of acute lobar pneumonia at
Dixie Hospital on April 9, 1910, fol-
lowing an alleged criminal assault
committed March 31, 1910, by E. A.
Vandyke.

Hampton Bureau, Times-Herald,
April 11.—Coroner George K. Van-
derlice, is today investigating the
facts surrounding the death of Re-
becca Taylor Chandler, the nine-year-
old colored girl, whose death at Dixie
Hospital at a late hour Saturday
evening is the sensation of the hour.

E. A. Vandyke, the white man who
is held in the Hampton jail charged
with the horrible crime of assaulting
the child, has asserted his innocence
of the crime and employed counsel
to defend him.

The coroner's jury which is in-
vestigating the case is composed of
J. V. Jones, L. N. Meers, R. H. Rich-
ardson, Thomas M. Keaton, J. D.
Hicks, Jr., and H. B. Johnson.

It is in the province of the jury
to ascertain the cause of the death
of the child and place the responsi-
bility therefor.

Following the child's death on Sat-
urday evening Sheriff Curtis notified
the coroner, who summoned the
above jury, which made some pre-
liminary investigations yesterday and
adjourned until today.

Today the jury has been making a
pains-taking investigation into the
cause of death of the child and will
probably conclude its investigation
by tonight.

The child has been critically ill
ever since a day or two following the
alleged assault. She was said by the
attending physicians to have been
terribly injured. Pneumonia, how-
ever set in and was the immediate
cause of the death.

It is probable that Vandyke will
be held responsible for causing the
death of the child.—Newport News
Times-Herald.

ALLEGED VICTIM OF VANDYKE DEAD

Hampton Negro Girl, Said to be Criminally Assaulted, Dies in Hospital.

Rebecca Taylor Chandler, nine
years old, the alleged victim of E. A.
Vandyke, the white man now in the
Hampton jail charged with criminal
assault, died in the Dixie hospital
yesterday afternoon. According to
the physicians the child's death was
due to pneumonia, brought on by
exposure on the occasion that Van-
dyke is alleged to have mistreated
her.

Following the child's death, Sheriff
R. K. Curtis, informed Dr. George K.
Vanderlice, the coroner, and the lat-
ter decided that an investigation of
the facts in connection with the crime
charged against Vandyke was neces-
sary. The sheriff then summoned a
jury consisting of J. Vaughan Jones,
L. N. Meers, R. H. Richardson,
Thomas W. Keaton, J. D. Hicks, Jr.,
and H. B. Johnson.

The jury went to the hospital and
after viewing the remains of the dead
child, adjourned over until this after-
noon at 4 o'clock, when the in-
vestigation will take place in the of-
fice of Sheriff R. K. Curtis.

ILL EVER SINCE.

Dr. Caesar Bassett, who attended
the child, and Drs. W. E. Atkins and
Harry D. Howe, who were called in
consultation, will be witnesses before
the coroner's jury, while the child's
mother and a small colored boy will
also give testimony.

The child was taken sick soon after
returning to her home on the day
that the alleged crime is said to have
been committed on Thursday of last
week and her condition continued to
grow more serious.

Friday pneumonia developed and
the child was then removed to the
Dixie hospital. While none of the phy-
sicians will discuss the case, it is un-
derstood that the child was horribly
bruised and internally injured.

MEANS MURDER CHARGE.

Vandyke, who is confined in the
jail, stoutly denies his guilt and de-
clares that he will be able to prove
his innocence when the preliminary
hearing is taken up. He retained Fay
S. Collier as his attorney.

In the event that the investigation
of the circumstances in connection
with the death should show that the
child died from the effects of the
treatment she received, Vandyke will
also likely have to answer the ad-
ditional charge of murder. In either
charge against him the severest
penalty is death.

Vandyke's wife is said to be des-
perately ill. She and her children
are living in LaSalle avenue.

A PECULIAR CASE

Mrs Bonaparte to Make a Great Legal Argument.

Washington, D. C., April 5.—
Protesting against what he terms an
attempt in some Southern State again
to reduce the negro to captivity,
Charles J. Bonaparte, formerly At-
torney-General of the United States,
today filed a brief in the Supreme
Court of the United States in behalf
of "Pink" Franklin, a South Carolina
negro under sentence to be hanged
on a charge of murder. The negro's
appeal to the Supreme Court will
be argued orally in about two weeks.
It promises to bring to the fore the
question of the status of "agricultural
contracts," to which objection has
been raised.

The negro was under an "agricul-
tural contract" to work for J. D.
Thomas, in Orangeburg county, S. C.,
in 1907. He quit before the contract
obligation was completed. A statute
had been passed in South Carolina
making it a misdemeanor for a la-
borer to break such a contract if
he had become indebted to his em-
ployer.

On the ground that Franklin had
violated the statute of the State, a
warrant was sworn out for his ar-
rest. The constable, H. E. Valentine,
in attempting to arrest the negro,
went to the latter's house, entered
and was killed. Franklin was con-
victed of the murder.

Mr. Bonaparte's brief attempts to
show that the negro had a right to
resist arrest and protect himself, his
family and his domicile, because the
statute on which the warrant was
based has been held to be obnoxious
to the State Constitution, and that
any attempt to enforce its provisions
by arrest of a person in the situation
of Franklin constituted a crime
against the United States under the
laws forbidding peonage.

Capt. A. C. Brown Gone.

The Second Baptist Church was
packed from "pit to dome" last Sun-
day morning at 11:30 o'clock, the
occasion being the funeral of A. C.
Brown, a well-known and popular let-
ter-carrier, who died after a brief
illness. The choir sang admirably well
and Rev. Z. D. Lewis, D. D. de-
livered one of his best sermons, deeply
affecting those who had come to
hear him. The men in the mail ser-
vice sat in a body, while Mr. W. P.
Burrell had charge of the boy cadets
and Mr. Brown once commanded.

The deceased was a faithful officer
and member of the Second Baptist
Church. Funeral Director W. Isaac
Johnson, officiated. The floral designs
were numerous and costly. One of
the wreaths seemed to be about four
feet in diameter.

Grand Turn-out at Centralia, Va.

Centralia, Va., April 5.—The
Knights of Pythias and Courts of Ca-
lanthe of Centralia, Va., accompanied
by Chester Lodge, observed their an-
niversary in Centralia Baptist Church
March 27, 1910. The church was
handsomely decorated with cut flow-
ers and ferns, which won the atten-
tion of many.

The Uniform Rank and Sir Knights
met at the Pythian Hall and march-
ed to the church, where they were
met by the Courts of Calanthe. Ser-
vices began at 2 o'clock. A short
program was rendered by the Courts
of Calanthe and Knights of Pythias,
as follows:

Singing, by the choir. Prayer, by
Sir Willie Patterson. Address on
Pythianism, by Sir Emmet Shepard.

Solo, by Sister Emma Bromley, which
was elegant. Paper on Calantheism,
by Sister Rosa B. Wilkerson. Cap-
tain Wm. White, acting as Master of
Ceremonies. Rev. W. H. Bolling, of
Chester Lodge, C. C. for the day,
after which an elegant sermon was
delivered by Rev. M. C. Ruffin, of
Richmond, Va., which was heartily
enjoyed by the members of the or-
der and friends also. Music was then
rendered by the choir of Centralia
Baptist Church, after which collec-
tion was taken up. The sum of
\$12.00 was lifted.

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The well-known proverb, "In
Union there is strength," is a lesson
which should be daily taught and
practiced. There can be no true suc-
cess where this element of character
is wanting. Whatever may be ones
ideas and purposes, success will not
be achieved, unless this element together
with others is moulded and blended
in a focus.

No church or people can succeed
with an unfading success where they
are not taught and practiced. Be it
ever remembered that Union is a Di-
vine precept and attribute. Let him
who would succeed think and con-
sider that to obey is better than sacri-
fice. In the light of such teaching
the members in general of the
Fifth Street Baptist Church united
to further the purposes of God,
cheered by the perfect law and sure
testimony of the Prince of Peace.
They are buoyantly working to suc-
ceed in every loyal effort put forth
for advancement and encouragement
along all true lines. It is not how
much one knows; but the good that
one does, that sounds his life faith-
ful and true.

At its last meeting the members
of the Fifth Street Baptist Church,
added another plank to its plans,
looking to the celebration of its
Thirtieth anniversary. A number of
committees were appointed whose
names will be given hereafter. A
hearty spirit characterized the meet-
ing on and forward march
seems to be the watchword of all.

Last Sunday the church enjoyed
some of the blessings of the faithful.
At 9:30 Supt. Prof. B. H. Peyton
opened the Sunday School. The
teachers and officers were in their
respective positions. A fair atten-
dance of pupils were present with
eager desire for the fruit gathered
at this service. All were pleased to
meet Mrs. Mamie Black, wife of Dea-
con Edward Black, of Savannah, Ga.
The entire service was good.

At 11:30 o'clock church services
began. Owing to the absence of Miss
Edmonia Anderson, who is sick, Mr.
R. H. Fauntleroy presided at the
organ. The choir rendered sweet mu-
sic as usual. Everybody likes to hear
the choir sing.

Our Pastor, Rev. W. F. Graham
preached an extraordinary fine ser-
mon. Feeding his congregation with
the needed food plying to a degree
suited to their situation. He knows
his people and their needs. No one
can get closer to them than he can.
God called and ordained him for the
Fifth Street Baptist Church. There
is no doubt in our minds about that.
He suits the Fifth Street Baptist
Church better than any other preach-
er, and the Fifth Street Baptist
Church suits him better than any
other people. Equality is equity, and
equity is a principle of divinity.

At 3:30 o'clock the National Ba-
ptist Sunday School Union convened
with Pres. Prof. B. H. Peyton, pre-
siding. The entire exercises were well
rendered. The program will be pub-
lished in our next issue. At night the
day's services were closed by a good
sermon from the Pastor.

The B. Y. P. U. will meet Friday
night. Come out at 8 o'clock. Pres.
John W. Howard wants to meet every
member.

The prayer services are getting
along nicely. Come out every Wed-
nesday night at 8:30 o'clock and en-
joy yourselves.

It is announced that the marriage
of Miss Jeannette H. Mitchell to Mr.
W. H. Brooks will take place Thurs-
day, evening, April 21, 1910, at 8
o'clock P. M. at Fifth Street Baptist
Church. We wish them success.

The anniversary exercises of The-
ban Beneficial Club will take place
Sunday, April 17, 1910 at 3:30 P.
M., at Fifth Street Baptist Church.
The following program will be ren-
dered:

PART I.		Choir
Song.	INVOCATION	
Scripture Reading.	Chap. L. V. Eggleston	
Solo	Miss Cora B. Epps	
Welcome Address.		
Response	Mr. R. H. Fauntleroy	
Quartette (Harmony)	Pres. J. O. West	
	Matthews, Gilpin, Smith and Hill	
Sermon	Dr. W. F. Graham	
Collection	E. L. Banks, F. B. Miller	
PART II.		
Solo.	Dr. Q. W. Moon	
Recitation.	Miss Alice E. Smith	
Solo.	Miss Blanche V. Bullock	
Quartette.	(Coronella), Misses	
	Epps, Nelson, Phillips and West	

Solo, Mr. Frank J. Mayo

Benediction

William W. Wilson,
Master of Ceremonies
Ushers—Misses Bertha E. Thomp-
son, Alberta Hughes, Susie A. Mon-
roe, Cynthia Edmondson, Mesdames
L. O. Bland, Juanita Norrell Peter-
son.

The Pastor will preach next Sun-
day morning and night.

Don't forget to re-register your
name.

The Fifth Street Baptist Church is
making preparations for representa-
tion at the Virginia Baptist State Con-
vention May 11, 1910, at Suffolk, Va.

MRS. HICKMON PASSES AWAY

Well-Known By All.

Manchester, Va., April 9, 1910.—
The death of Mrs. M. Rosa Hick-
mon of 119 E. 15th St., Manchester,
Va., who departed this life Monday
night, April 4, 1910 at 11:20 o'clock,
marked the passing away of one of
the oldest and most respected resi-
dents in the Southside city.

She was a member of the First
Baptist Church and had been a faith-
ful and consistent Christian ever
since her conversion. Many were the
words of encomium spoken of her as
were shown by the number of resolu-
tions of condolence and papers read
by Prof. James H. Blackwell in his
usual calm and pathetic manner.

The funeral took place from the a-
bove named church Thursday after-
noon, April 7th at 2:30 o'clock. Rev.
Dr. A. Binga, Jr., preached a very
sympathetic sermon, picturing her
true Christian life as she had lived
it ever since he had known her—for
more than thirty years.

Mr. Richard Drew, her brother, of
Washington, D. C.,